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SUBJECT: US FISHERIES DELEGATION: REPRESENTATIONAL LUNCHEON AND
ITINERARY

REF: STATE 178944

1. CHARGE AND WIFE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST LUNCHEON TUESDAY,
27 JULY, OR WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY, BUT CHURSIN, MINFISH, HAS ADVISED
US THAT ITINERARY FOR DELEGATION WILL PREVENT THIS. ASKED FOR COPY
OF ITINERARY, CHURSIN SAID THAT IT IS NOT YET READY, AND PROMISED
TO PROVIDE IT 22 JULY. CHURSIN PROVIDED FOLLOWING ROUGH OUTLINE:
25 JULY. ARRIVAL, LODGING IN HOTEL, TOUR OF CITY, BALLET.
26 JULY 10-12 - DISCUSSIONS AT MINFISH; 1300 - LUNCH BY SOVIET
HOSTS; AFTERNOON - VISIT TO ARKHANGEL'SKOYE (ESTATE NEAR MOSCOW);
1900 - RECEPTION AT PRAGA RESTAURANT
27 JULY SOCHI (FLIGHT AT 0830)
28 JULY SUKHUMI
29 JULY TBILISI
30 JULY RETURN MOSCOW FROM TBILISI (ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT SCHEDULED
1255). EVENING FREE; DEPARTURE 2215 FOR WARSAW.

2. ROUGH ITINERARY ABOVE SEEMS TO PRECLUDE EMBASSY LUNCHEON.
FOR 30 JULY, FLIGHT ARRIVAL, WHICH COULD WELL BE DELAYED, IS SO
LATE AS TO ALLOW NO TIME FOR LUNCHEON (EVIDENTLY AN ACTIVITY IS
PLANNED AT 1500). FOR THAT EVENING, EARLY DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT
(ABOUT 2100) AND PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED RECEPTION MAKE THAT TIMING
UNSUITABLE.

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3. COMMENT: THOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN CHANNEL FOR NEGOTIATION OF PROGRAM OR ITINERARY, LARGE AMOUNT OF TRAVEL SEEMS TO US RATHER SURPRISING. IF THIS GENERAL OUTLINE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO DELEGATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION SO WE CAN PASS DELEGATION'S VIEWS ON TO MINFISH.
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